REMARKS

It is intended for this submission to be read in conjunction with the Amendment Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 that was filed on January 21, 2005.

The present Amendment implements the intended dependency of Claims 3 to 9 following the earlier amendment of Claim 1. As presently presented, Claims 2 and 3 relate to two alternative embodiments.

The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance is in order and is respectfully requested. If there is any further matter that requires attention prior to the issuance of the Notice of Allowance, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned attorney so that the matter can be discussed and promptly resolved.

Respectfully submitted,

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